IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) In a system for providing wireless data communication using a first protocol, said system having an access points for conducting wireless data communications with mobile units using said first protocol, a method for conducting out of band management communications with ~~an~~said access point comprising providing said access point with a radio module operating according to a second wireless ~~data~~ communications protocol, and conducting management communications with said access point using said second wireless ~~data~~ communications protocol.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein ~~said first protocol is 802.11 Protocol~~conducting management communications comprises at least one of configuring one or more resources of said access point and adjusting one or more parameters of said access point.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~2~~1 wherein said first protocol is 802.11 Protocol and said second wireless ~~data~~ communications protocol is Bluetooth.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein said conducting management communications includes authenticating said communications.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein said second wireless ~~data~~ communications protocol is Bluetooth.

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6. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein said conducting management communications includes associating said radio module as a slave unit.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said conducting management communications includes authenticating said communications.

8. (Currently Amended) An access point for use in a wireless data communication system, comprising:

a first interface for conducting data communications with one or more computers;

a first radio module using a first protocol for transmitting wireless data messages received at said first interface and for receiving and relaying data messages via said first interface;

at least one processor connected to said first interface and said radio module for controlling said access point~~, said processor having a port~~; and

a second radio module operating using a second wireless ~~data~~ communications protocol, different from said first protocol, for providing wireless ~~data~~ management communications ~~with said processor via said port~~.

9. (Original) An access point as specified in claim 8, wherein said second radio module is arranged to operate as a slave module using a master slave protocol.

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10. (Original) An access point as specified in claim 8, wherein said second radio module is arranged to operate as a slave module using the Bluetooth protocol.

11. (Original) An access point as specified in claim 8 wherein said processor is further arranged to authenticate communications via said second radio module.

12. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

an interface; and

a processor communicatively coupled to the interface, the processor adapted to:

allow data communications with one or more remote devices over a first communications protocol; and

allow access to one or more management features of the apparatus over a second communications protocol, wherein the second communications protocol is a wireless protocol and is different from the first communications protocol.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the processor is adapted to allow the data communications through a first radio module and to allow access to the management features through a second radio module.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the second radio module operates as a slave unit at least during a portion of the time the access to the management features is allowed.

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